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Parsons/DC/USEPA/US  
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To Dennis Edwards/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Fw: silver ions


Dennis

can you help with these?

Thanks, doug

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Betty Shackleford/DC/USEPA/US@EPA,  
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cc  
Subject Re: silver ions 

p.s. his deadline is today. if we don't respond, he'll do his story without us.

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To Douglas Parsons, Claire Gesalman, Betty shackleford  
cc  
Subject silver ions

i didn't know we reached a decision.  
can you assist w/ his questions - thanks.

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cc

Subject

Ms. Jones,

I am BNA's new full-time pesticides reporter, and I would like to follow up on a story that I heard about from Betty Shackleford at a PPDC meeting recently (she referred me to you). The story has to do with silver ions in washing machines, and EPA's decision to regulate them as pesticides. Specifically, I would appreciate it if Ms. Shackleford could answer the following questions:

1. Why did EPA ultimately decide to regulate the use of silver ions as pesticides?
2. What was the original rationale for regulating Samsung's washing machine as a device, given that the manufacturer clearly made antimicrobial claims?
3. Did EPA make a mistake? If so, why?
4. How were Samsung and other manufacturers notified of the decision? If they were notified by letter, can I obtain a copy?
5. What is the process now? I.e., how long do Samsung and other washing machine manufacturers have to self-identify and register, how do they do it, and what are the penalties for non-compliance?
6. Can manufacturers continue to use silver in their washing machines as long as they don't make antimicrobial or pesticidal claims? If they can avoid regulation simply by using "magic language," how does that address the larger health issues?
7. How does EPA intend to address the growing number of other products that incorporate silver ions or larger silver particles (e.g. air sanitizers, pillows, food-storage containers), given that some of these firms are also making pesticidal claims?

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kinney

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